



## **Certification and Higher Education Committee**

Maine State Board of Education  
Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, December 22, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nichi Farnham; Jane Sexton; William Beardsley; and Jana Lapoint (Board Members); Angel Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; and Arthur Keenan, Certification Legal Consultant (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliffe, RSU#54/Maine School Management

Nichi Farnham called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nichi Farnham and unanimously voted by those present to approve the November 24, 2014 minutes as written.

### **UPDATES**

#### **Certification:**

- 1) Mark Cyr's position (Certification Coordinator)

#### **Higher Education (Angel Loreda):**

- 1) Educator Preparation Program On-Site Visits for 2015
  - UMaine at Fort Kent – March 22-24, 2015 (Board Observer - Bill Beardsley)
  - College of the Atlantic – May 17 – 20, 2015 (Board Observer – Jana Lapoint)
  - Bates College – September 27 – 30, 2015 (Board Observer – Peter Geiger)
  - University of New England – October 18-21, 2015 (Board Observer – Jane Sexton)
- 2) Approval of the Review Team for the University of Maine at Fort Kent State Program  
Approval Visit will go before the full Board on January 14, 2015.
- 3) The Circus Conservatory of America intends to work through the application process with the Department and the State Board during 2015. Harry is assisting with the process of paperwork. Angel has communicated with the Circus Conservatory of America and anticipates being able to submit a final report to the State Board late in 2015. The BA program of Fine Arts will be the first in the country with acrobatics. They are partnering with MECA.

### **Rule Updates:**

- Chapter 13: Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators
  - The Certification and Higher Education Committee recommends that the State Board of Education accept the revisions that were based upon the comments received, and further recommends that an additional comment period of 30 days be allowed for the suggested revisions to Section 3.10.
  - Arthur Keenan presented the exhibit and timeline that will go before the full Board on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.
    - **PROPOSED TIMELINE:**
      - File with the Secretary of State's Office – On or before January 20, 2015
      - Posting – January 28, 2015
      - Public Hearing – (N/A)
      - Deadline for Comments – February 27, 2015
      - Deadline for Response to Comments – March 6, 2015
      - Final Adoption – March 11, 2015
- Chapter 114: Purpose, Standards and Procedures for the Review and Approval of Preparation Programs for Education Personnel
  - Angel continues to monitor the transition to CAEP – The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. He will be attending a CAEP Conference in March.
- Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel
  - The Committee agreed that the opening of Chapter 115 should wait until the Certification Coordinator position has been filled.
- Chapter 118: Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems
  - The training materials need to be updated and mentors need training. The Department contact person is Mary Paine.
- Chapter 149: Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for Institutions of Higher Education to Offer Degree Courses/Programs in the State of Maine
  - Chapter 149 was amended in November 2008.
- Chapter 170: Standards for Evaluating Request for Degree-Granting Authorizations and for Out-of-State Post-Secondary Institutions Seeking to Offer Academic Credit Courses/Programs in Maine
  - Chapter 170 was amended in November of 2008.

### **Future Committee Meetings:**

- Beginning January 2015, the Certification and Higher Education Committee will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM. The meetings will be held in room 538.

**Handouts:**

- On-Site Visits for 2015 Educator Preparation Programs

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2014 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

**Adjournment:**

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.